



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES November 6, 2008

Council Members, Liaisons & Committee Participants Present

Bill Engler (Chair), Kati Bates, Joyce Finkelstein, Sharon McKinley, Doyle Meredith, Bernadette Polley, Barry Spiker, Gregg Kiely, Lynn Larson, John Linda, Don Ritchie, Pam Stevenson

Council Members Not Present

George Evanoff, Paul Herrmann, Bernadine Hoffman, Marilyn Johnson,

Council Staff Present

Melanie Starns, Cathy De Lisa, Dan Plumhoff, Shawn Trobia

Guests Present

Christine Bryson-Lazo

Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions & Approval of Minutes

Committee Chair Bill Engler called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m., and a welcome and introduction period followed. Minutes from the October 2, 2008 meeting were reviewed.

Bernadette Polley made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Doyle Meredith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Updates

Discussion with AAA Association Co-Directors

Committee Chair Bill Engler provided an overview of a recent teleconference between himself, Council Chair Paul Herrmann, and the Arizona Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) Association Co-Directors, which was aimed at reaching a consensus on how best to serve the seniors of Arizona and provide the most fiscally efficient means of producing the upcoming 2009 Senior Action Days events. Specifically, Chair Engler stated that the Council intends to host a few regional events around the state as feasible in accordance with budgetary restraints, and one event at the State Capitol Complex with a focus as requested by the Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) for their advocates: Legislators will be invited to both. Additionally, Chair Engler noted that the Council proposes to utilize the Executive Tower's Second Floor Conference Room and surrounding vestibule as the site for its Phoenix-based Senior Action Days event at the Capitol Complex, a venue that will not require any state funds to secure. A discussion ensued, and Executive Director Melanie Starns noted that the Co-Directors of the Association were very appreciative of the Council considering their input. It was recommended that the AAA

Association liaison to the Council be asked to provide feedback from the other Area Agency on Aging Directors at the Council meeting.

LPCC Recommendation to GACA / Governor

Committee Chair Bill Engler noted the failure of Proposition 200 on the Arizona Fall Ballot, and he thanked the Council and Committee members for their dedication and assistance in disseminating information about the proposition within their local communities. A discussion ensued. *Bernadette Polley made a motion to request that the Council draft letters of gratitude to Governor Napolitano and Attorney General Goddard to thank them for taking a public stand against Proposition 200, and for leading the efforts to ensure that the public was educated about the provisions within the initiative., and Doyle Meredith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Transit Updates

Mr. Gregg Kiely of the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) delivered an overview of the ADOT Multimodal Planning Division's Transit Programs. Specifically, Mr. Kiely discussed the following programs:

- Section 5310 - Elderly & Disabled Transit Program
- Section 5311 - Rural Public Transit Program
- Section 5316 – Job Access & Reverse Commute Program (JARC)
- Section 5317 – New Freedom Program

Mr. Kiely stated that communities facing budget deficits are finding it especially hard to raise the matching funds required by the federal programs referencing the LTAF II as an example. He also indicated that the Arizona Rides Council, which officially sunsets at the end of 2008, work will continue to collaborate as a working group comprised of former Council member agencies and others. A copy of Mr. Kiely's presentational handout is available through the Council Office.

Senior Action Days Planning Discussion

Committee Chair Bill Engler and Ms. Starns led a discussion pertaining to the Senior Action Days events for 2009, and they specifically highlighted the following four components that constitute the format of these events:

- The Arizona Department of Economic Security Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) will report out on the new directions, policies, and modernizing efforts that their agency is developing and implementing
- The Council and DAAS will report out on the feedback garnered during the 2007 Senior Action Days events, and provide an overview of the efforts they have undertaken to address those specific issues that were brought to light
- The Council will solicit general feedback and input from constituents as to issues that are most of concern to them.
- A DRAFT Consumer Bill of Rights for In-Home Care will be provided for constituent input. The input will be shared with the Interagency Council on Long-term Care

(IACLTC) which is developing recommendations by July 2009 to submit to the Governor as part of E.O. 2007-01 on ensuring quality in long term care.

Additionally, Chair Engler and Ms. Starns emphasized the importance of the Council and Committee remaining fiscally vigilant while maintaining integrity and responsiveness to its constituents. A discussion regarding potential cost-cutting measures, and the frequency and locations for the Senior Action Days events ensued, and the Committee determined that it will look into potentially utilizing Benefits Checkup Counselors and iLinc capabilities in order to reach the greatest number of constituents through the most cost-effective means of delivery. Furthermore, the Committee determined that Flagstaff, Phoenix, and Tucson will serve as the three locations for the Senior Action Days event, and that Phoenix will serve as the primary Senior Action Days event at the State Capitol Complex. Potential dates determined by the Committee include: April 1st for the Phoenix event, April 17th for the Tucson event, and April 24th for the Flagstaff event. Moreover, Ms. Starns noted that she and Deputy Director Cathy De Lisa will compile a list of iLinc related requirements and disseminate that information to the Committee members, so that they might investigate potential “technology driven” locations for additional, low-cost Senior Action Days “webinars” to take place.

Other Updates, New Business, & Announcements

No updates, new business, or announcements.

Action Items

- The Committee will ask the Council to draft letters of gratitude to Governor Napolitano, Attorney General Goddard, and Ms. Lupe Solis of AARP, to thank them for taking a public stand against Proposition 200, and for leading the efforts to ensure that the public was educated about the provisions within the initiative
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Adjournment

Doyle Meredith made a motion to adjourn, and Joyce Finkelstein seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by Committee Chair Bill Engler at 11:32 a.m.

Next Meeting:

The next Legislative and Policy Coordinating Committee meeting will be January 8, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the State Executive Tower, Grand Canyon Room (Basement Level). These meetings are open to the public.